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**SYSTEMS, DEVICES AND METHODS  
FOR USE IN PROXIMITY-BASED  
NETWORKING**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment in the above-identified patent application.

**THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1 of the specification, before the heading Field of the Invention, please delete the heading "Related Application" and the paragraph beginning at line 5, and insert the following:

**-- Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/ 592,928, filed June 13, 2000, which claims benefit of US Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60,165,54, filed November 15, 1999, the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference. --

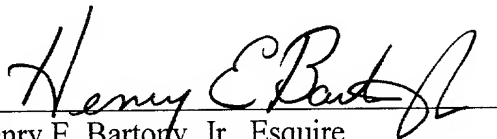
### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendment in the above-identified patent application. The amendment is solely to indicate a Reference to Related Application.

The amendments to the specification are indicated in the Appendix hereto in which additions to the specification are marked by underlining and deletions from the specification are marked by bracketing.

Respectfully submitted,

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version of specification amendment with markings to show changes made

**[Related Application]**

US Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60,165,54 entitled SYSTEMS, DEVICES AND METHODS FOR USE IN PROXIMITY-BASED NETWORKING filed November 15, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.]

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